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### A NEW AUTO FIRE TRUCK AT SCOTTSBLUFF

The Scottsbluff Volunteer Fire Department is the latest lucky one. They are to have a brand new auto fire truck and will soon be riding fast and high with the Alliance, North Platte, Columbus, Grand Island, Fremont and other departments who have auto trucks.

The following item regarding the purchase of the new truck is taken from the Daily Scottsbluff Star-Herald of recent date:

The city council meeting last evening was devoted to the allowance of a number of claims as usual, but various other matters claimed the attention of the members all except one of whom were present at the meeting.

The matter of the proposed alterations on the Marquis building was the subject of several hours' argument, and it was finally decided after a number of business and members of the commercial club had expressed themselves to permit the completion of the work as already started. The detail in question was as to whether the building owner should be permitted to make a projection of about eight inches into the street in the installation of the proposed new glass front.

The new salary ordinance was passed, making the list conform to cities of the first class. In general the salaries are somewhat increased, the only exceptions being the attorney and the treasurer, which remain the same. Normally, the salary of Mayor Westervelt would be increased, but upon his statement that he would not accept an increase his stipend was left the same as before.

It was decided to advertise for bids for a new fire truck, an appropriation having already been made by setting apart five thousand dollars or such an amount up to that sum as would become necessary. A combination chemical hose cart and auto truck is in view, or one including a pumping attachment.

### PROMINENT YOUNG FIREMAN MARRIED

Nebraska volunteer firemen who attended the state convention at Crawford last January will remember Clyde J. Hornsby of the Crawford department, who worked unceasingly and so successfully to help make a success of the convention. Clyde decided to forget the loneliness of single blessedness a short time ago and on Wednesday, November 1, was married to Miss Jessie Mae Dufur of Lincoln. They will be at home to their friends at Crawford on and after December 6. Here's wishing Clyde and his happy bride a long and happy married life.

### A LETTER FROM OUR OLD FRIEND C. J.

One of the most widely known men among the volunteer firemen of Nebraska is C. J. Andersen of the Andersen Company, Omaha, dealers in fire department equipment. You can imagine our pleasure when we opened a letter the other day and found the following from C. J.:

Omaha, Nebraska, November 10, 1916.

Lloyd Thomas, Alliance, Nebr.  
Friend Lloyd: It is with great pleasure that brother S. C. and myself congratulate you on your success in the election. That is about the only sunshine that we could find in the entire Nebraska election, except that the state went dry, but the old saying is, "We must be thankful for small favors" and so we are. At least, the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association should be immensely pleased to have so staunch a friend and supporter and member of the organization in the Nebraska legislature.

(Signed) C. J. ANDERSEN.

Judging from the above, "C. J." must be a Republican. However, we will expect to see him and his handsome brother, "S. C.," at the state convention at Auburn on January 16, 17 and 18, as prominent as ever, and trust that the gloom on their faces caused by the Democratic landslide will have subsided before that time.

### AUBURN PREPARING FOR THE CONVENTION

C. H. Masters, secretary of the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department, sends us the following letter for publication in order that the firemen over the state may know something of the preparations that are being made for the big annual convention there in January, 1917:

Auburn, Nebraska, November 17, 1916.

Brother Firemen of Nebraska:

We believe that the following information regarding the coming annual state convention may be of interest and value to you. We want to emphasize the fact that we will be able to furnish accommodations for as many delegates as may come. Many of our generous citizens will throw open their homes if necessary in order that all will be accommodated.

Among the distinguished guests who will be present during the convention will be the incoming governor, Keith Neville, and the outgoing governor, John H. Morehead, and of course our old friend, W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner.

For the information of those who come in on the trains we want to state that the Missouri Pacific station is located seventeen blocks nearer to headquarters than the Burlington. The M. P. station is seven blocks away. However, we will meet all trains with autos if the weather and streets will permit.

We are using every effort to induce Joe Stecher to be here at the convention with a good wrestler. If you boys are interested we would appreciate it if you would "work on him" for us.

If the boys in each department will kindly drop me a line as soon as they know how many are coming from each town it will be a big help to us. The reception committee, in working out the details, would like to arrange private headquarters for the larger delegations.

We will award a premium to the noisiest delegation in attendance. The time of the contest will be announced later.

Yours for a rousing convention.

C. H. MASTERS, Secretary.

## LIVE STOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

Cattle Market: Around 10-15c Lower, Heavy Receipts

HOG TRADE UNEVENLY LOWER

Lambs Fully Steady, but Not Very Active—Prices, if Anything, Higher in Spots. Quality of Offerings Not Quite So Good As Last Week's. Feeders Stronger, Too. Demand Much Heavier Than Supply—Top Brings \$10.70, a New Record.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Nebraska, November 21, 1916.—The week opened out with an unusually heavy run of cattle, some 522 loads, or about 15,700 head. Advices from other markets were of about the same tenor as here, heavy supplies and slow, lower markets, and dressed beef men bearish in their views. The packers all had cattle on hand that they were unable to kill last week, and as a result they were unwilling to take on fresh offerings except at lower prices. What trading was done largely on a 10@15c lower basis. Fair to very good 1,100 to 1,400-pound beefs sold at \$8.50@9.35, and the common to fair warmed-up and partly fattened grades sold from \$6.50@8.25.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice yearlings, \$10.00@11.10; good to choice beefs, \$9.60@10.40; fair to good beefs, \$8.50@9.50; common to fair beefs, \$6.50@8.25; good to choice heifers, \$8.75@7.50; good to choice cows, \$6.50@7.25; fair to good cows, \$5.75@6.50; canners and cutters, \$4.25@5.50; veal calves, \$8.00@10.00; bologna bulls, \$5.00@5.50; beef bulls, \$5.50@6.75.

The hog run for Monday was the largest here on a Monday since last April, supplies were estimated at 140 cars, or 9,800 head. Shippers filled what orders they had on a 10@15c lower basis, but first packer bids were around 15c lower in several cases, and when they started putting up their droves prices had not improved very much, the first strings being around 10c lower, and in a few instances 10@15c lower than the close of last week.

The week opened out with the lightest of sheep and lambs for a Monday since July, receipts being fifty cars, or about 12,000 head. The fat lamb trade got a rather draggy start, considering the fact that supplies were moderate. Packers all seemed to need a few lambs, but part of the run was late getting in, and the earlier arrivals included nothing very choice. On the basis of the sales made up to 11 o'clock, however, trade was fully steady.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, \$11.40@11.60; lambs, fair to good, \$11.00@11.35; lambs, feeders, \$9.50@10.70; yearlings, good to choice, \$8.75@9.50; yearlings, fair to good, \$7.75@8.75; yearlings, feeders, \$7.00@8.00; wethers, fair to choice, \$7.00@8.50; ewes, good to choice, \$7.40@7.60; ewes, fair to good, \$6.50@7.40; ewes, plain to culls, \$4.00@5.75; ewes, feeding, \$4.50@5.25; ewes, breeders, all ages, 6.00@8.50.

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### PICKED UP IN PASSING

An exchange is authority for the statement that during the last year thirty people have fallen from balloons—which is not mentioning a large number who returned to earth rather suddenly recently.

This winter the law regulating the cleaning of sidewalks is to be rigidly enforced. Mayor Romig says that twenty-four hours is a long enough time for snow to remain on the sidewalks and if it hasn't vanished by that time the city will have the walk cleaned and charge the cost up to the property owner. It is a good time now to buy a snow shovel, a pair of warm mittens, a cap with ear flaps and some overshoes.

A man who owns a shoe repairing shop almost any place, any where, now has a good thing of it. The majority of people used to believe that it was hardly worth while having old shoes mended so long as they could buy new ones at ante bellum prices but all that is changed now and shoe repairers are as busy as manicure makers. The shoe repairer's business is on the increase and he has reason to feel real good.

The following appeared in an Omaha paper of recent date under an Alliance date line: When the Farm Loan commission was recently in Nebraska investigating matters that would lend light on the new Farm Loan bill, they had occasion to inquire into western Nebraska loans and investments. A tabulation given them shows that the average Nebraska farmer, after deducting from his farm income the amounts necessary to care for taxes, interests, payment for all work done, depreciation, etc., has about \$500 as his wages. Taking the same comparison, applying the same principles, the government figures show that the Box Butte farmer has \$625 for his labor. The commission seemed impressed with that fact and accorded it great credence in reaching their conclusions on the location of farm banks and the advisability of loaning on western land.

Prices cannot continue to advance always even though the middle man

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does continue to put the clamps on the people. Already there is a reaction from the unusual and in many cases unnecessary high prices. It is getting so now that when one goes into a store and the price has been raised you are told it is "on account of the war," or "the freight rates out here, you know." For the love of Mike, the prices have advanced and the merchant is getting his price and what's the use of reviving those old state excuses that the buyer and everyone heard seemingly years ago. Get something new or don't give an excuse. That is a good tip, sure. But there is one thing certain, as one merchant said recently, "Because of the ever-increasing prices the people are buying cheaper merchandise and are seeking a lower standard of living. This is the reaction. Almost every day we have customers come

to our store intending to purchase a dress. They inquire the price of materials and invariably choose cheaper material than they at first had in mind. This seeking of a lower standard in the selection of materials will, many believe, have the effect of lowering exorbitant wholesale prices. The traveling men have begun to notice the demand for less expensive materials. They notice that we are not buying so many silks, woolsens and other expensive materials. When they ask us the reason for the change we inform them that we can't sell the materials at the prices we must demand. I honestly believe we are going to see a drop in prices in a few months.

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The Fremont Brewing Co. will not attempt the manufacture of a substitute for beer as a means of continuing the operation of its plant, employing close to 1,000 people in Fremont, according to L. P. Larson, head of the concern, who was in Denver recently for the purpose of investigating a near-beer proposition. The plant is valued at \$200,000. It is said that the four or five wholesale whisky and beer agencies in Fremont have determined upon a course similar to that of the brewery, to observe the new law by going out of business.

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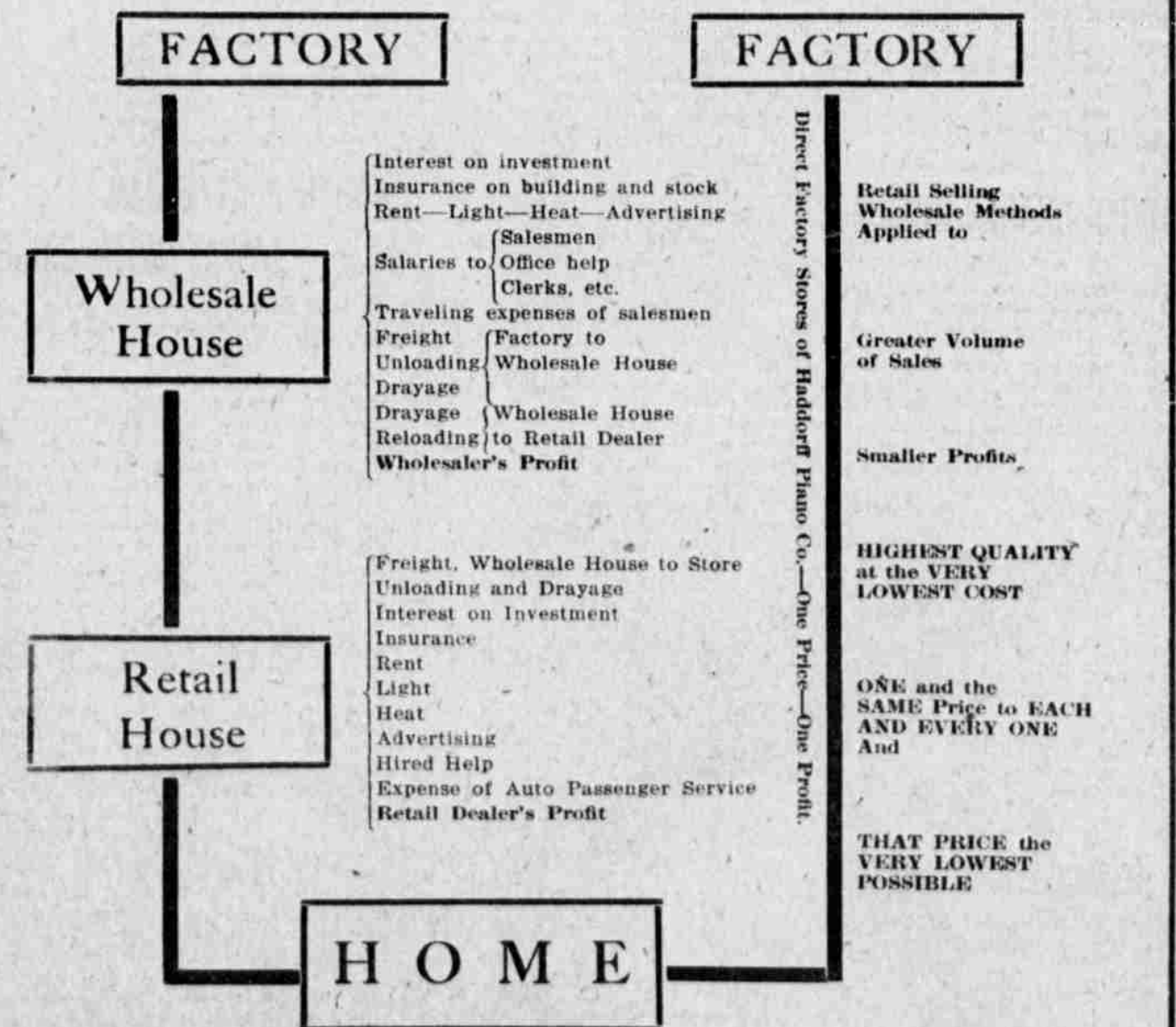
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